## **Events**

#### 38th Annual Sports Hall of Fame **Induction Ceremony**

Tuesday, May 15, 6 pm **Rose Theatre Brampton** 

#### **Springfest**

Friday, June 1 + 8, 12 - 3 pm Knightsbridge + Flower City Seniors Centres

#### **Provincial Election**

Thursday, June 7

#### CeleBrampton

Saturday, June 9 **Downtown Brampton** 12 pm - 10 pm

#### **Downtown Farmers' Market**

Saturdays, June 16 - September 1 7 am – 1 pm

#### **Mount Pleasant Village Market**

Thursdays, June 21 – October 4 4 pm - 8 pm

#### **Canada Day Celebration**

Sunday, July 1 12 pm - 10 pm Chinguacousy Park

#### **August**

#### **Seniors Open House**

Monday, August 13, 12 – 3 pm Flower City Seniors Recreation Centre

#### September

#### **Harvest Market**

Saturdays, September 8 – November 3 Rosalea Park 8 am - 1 pm

#### October

#### **Municipal Election**

Monday, October 22 Multiple locations

Dates subject to change



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#### **Message from the Mayor**

Despite our best efforts to sound the alarm around the explosive growth our city has experienced, unfortunately, it has not been matched with growth in our healthcare infrastructure. This past year many of us either saw first hand or read about overcrowding at Brampton Civic Hospital.

In November I wrote to the Province advocating for increased hours at Peel Memorial Hospital, an immediate commencement of the building of Phase 2 and the need for a third hospital. Shortly after writing that letter the Minister of Health announced

additional beds for Brampton Civic and pledged support for Phase 2 of Peel Memorial Centre.

We welcome this announcement but there is more work to do - by 2041 we will be a city of nearly 1 million residents. Council has now initiated the planning necessary to identify, protect and zone the 45-50 acres we will need for our future third hospital in the western part of Brampton. We need the Ontario Government to expedite the planning and funding of Brampton's future healthcare.



#### **Provincial Election advocacy**

In advance of the provincial election, Brampton will advocate for key growth priorities: including Infrastructure (enhancing transit; Riverwalk project); Education, Excellence and Innovation; Health Partnerships (investment in hospitals); and Governance (increasing representation at Region of Peel). Visit www.brampton.ca

## Message from your Councillors

This will be our last newsletter to you, our residents of Wards 1 and 5, as we have both made the decision not to seek re-election in October of this year.

This means we will be doing the same as you do every election – researching the candidates who put their names forward, and ensuring we cast our votes for City and Regional Councillor who reflect our values and priorities. Most importantly we will be voting for individuals who we believe have the best interest of our great City reflected in their decision making; and who make informed decisions by doing their homework.

We hope you agree that our ability to work as a team, in partnership with you and on your behalf, has been a positive approach to resolving issues, and positioning Brampton for success.

Thank you for the trust and confidence you've extended to us over the years – it has been a great privilege.

Sincerely,

**Elaine and Grant** 

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Wards 1 & 5, City of Brampton



# COMMUNITY

**Grant Gibson Regional Councillor** WARDS 1 and 5



**Spring & Summer** 2018



**Elaine Moore Regional Councillor** WARDS 1 and 5





You will notice that the format of this newsletter is a little different from previous editions. The content is themed by delving a little more deeply into one area, rather than covering many unrelated topics of interest to residents.

Provincial and municipal elections are taking place this year, and this newsletter aims to provide you with more details on key projects in Wards 1 and 5 that will also encourage and promote smart growth in our city. Advancements in our local projects like transit, the downtown Riverwalk and the Queen Street Central Intensification Corridor, rely very much on strong partnerships - both municipal and provincial. You will also find exciting updates on transit-related decisions that connect our residents to higher order transit in neighbouring communities. We are absolutely thrilled that our Zum transit is connecting you to the new subway in Vaughan and that our downtown GO station service now serves residents with enhanced services. Regardless that the downtown is restricted by a provincial Special Area Policy, there are still many opportunities for growth and development of our downtown, including a very exciting Downtown Reimagined Streetscape Program which will follow on the heels of major Regional Sewer and Watermain upgrades.

#### Follow other updates

- Planning Vision draft will be presented to Council in early May. As well, the City's first Culture Master Plan draft will be presented to Council in June. Visit brampton.ca.
- Road-related repairs take place this Spring. For full list, visit www.brampton.ca/roadworks
- Newcomer bus tours in summer. Contact Brampton Library at 905.793.4636 for info.
- Stay tuned for updates on bringing Ryerson University and Sheridan College to downtown Brampton. Visit www.brampton.ca





Downtown Brampton is in the Etobicoke Creek floodplain. Provincial policies restrict the type and amount of development that can occur there today.

Riverwalk will be a transformative opportunity to help revitalize Brampton's downtown and make it healthy, sustainable and resilient.

It starts with engineering an innovative solution to the flood risk, which will unlock the potential for urban growth and development. In turn, it will recapture the beauty and ecological function of the river, creating a vibrant new public space that provides a distinct identity for the city.

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## **Downtown "Special Policy Area"**

The Downtown Brampton By-pass channel was built along the Etobicoke Creek in 1952. In extreme weather events, water may leave the channel and flow into parts of the historic downtown. The Provincial Policy Statement prevents new development within a floodplain unless it is within an SPA approved by the Province.

The Province approves SPAs to address the significant social and economic hardship that the City would experience if strict adherence to the natural hazard policies were required. In 1986, the Province approved the Downtown Brampton Special Policy Area.

Currently has a development cap of 1,100 residential and 174,000 non-residential square meters

Brampton has signaled to the Province, a strong desire to have the Ryerson/Sheridan University located in the Downtown. The SPA restrictions present some challenges for the addition of student housing, amenities, etc. driving the need for the Riverwalk project.





Starting Fall 2018 you may see construction notices in downtown Brampton. This is part of an exciting transformation in the works. We're revitalizing our infrastructure and streetscape leading into our historic "Four Corners" area.

Businesses will continue to be open during the revitalization.

The Downtown Reimagined project will:

- Create a new streetscape that will capitalize on the walkability and pedestrian capacity in the downtown
- Animate the streets and be a place where residents and visitors can enjoy different events
- Bring together pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in a safe and sustainable manner
- Enhance amenities and transform the public space

For more information, visit www.brampton.ca/downtownreimagined



#### **Queen Street Intensification**

Queen Street, which runs 14.5 kms east to west, is the heart of Brampton's Central Economic Corridor and has been designated by the Province as part of a Provincial Urban Growth Centre. This provincial designation requires the City of Brampton to have policies in place to achieve a minimum of 200 persons and jobs combined per hectare (pjch). Currently Queen Street is at approximately 89 persons and jobs per hectare (based on May 2015 data). To close the gap between 89 pjch and 200 pjch, Brampton's goal is to add 39,000 residents and 25,000 jobs over the next 25 years along this corridor. The reopened Peel Memorial Hospital site, along with projects like the Mattamy Condo and Atlas Health Care, have helped to generate considerable interest for private developers and is helping to move us towards achieving our provincial mandate for this corridor. We know as well that 80% of Brampton residents who travel outside our city to work, travel to downtown Toronto,

the airport precinct, 407 & 400, and 407 & 404 through this corridor. Since Queen Street is our busiest transit route in Brampton, with an average of 23,000 passengers daily, it is this reason why it was the first corridor to launch our highly successful Zum Rapid Transit. Queen Street has enormous potential to host a unique health and sciences cluster; and promote Brampton's global reputation for innovation and excellence.



# LRT Extension (Alternative Alignments)

Brampton wants LRT that best serves our residents and helps us to achieve our economic and financial goals which reside in large part in our Queen Street Corridor. The approval to study two alternative alignments would still connect at Queen Street and ultimately our downtown Brampton GO station: one along Steeles to McLaughlin which would serve upwards of 10,000 Sheridan College students; and one along Steeles to Kennedy Road which would encourage investment and redevelopment to the under-performing employment lands between Kennedy and Hwy410. The Steeles to Kennedy alignment also provides for a potential connection to the Powerade lands. The City developed a potential connection to the Bramalea GO station in its proposal for the AMAZON bid for their HQ2 on the Powerade lands.



## Transit ridership growth



Brampton Transit and its Züm bus rapid transit service experienced an unprecedented 18 percent ridership growth in 2017 and is one of the fastest growing transit providers in the country. Züm Queen Street now connects residents to two subway stations: route 501 services the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre subway station; and routes 501 & 501A/C service the York University Subway Station. Brampton City Council understands the need to enhance infrastructure and build regional connections that improve residents' lives by connecting them to school, work and leisure.

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